

# VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY

MARCH 2016

*Livermore, California*

**MISSION:** To encourage and equip each other as we share a common interest and enjoyment of Bonsai and to encourage others to explore this art form.

[HTTP://WWW.VALLEYBONSAISOCIETY.COM](http://www.valleybonsaisociety.com)

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## WHAT IS THE VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY?



50 weeks.

Founded in February 2008 by Charles Harder, this organization was established to create a group of local Bonsai enthusiasts with all level of expertise. Many of us started by taking one or more of Charles's classes, some received a plant as a gift and some had been struggling on their own. We currently have some people with extensive collections; some have trained trees as long as 50 years and some are still trying to get a tree to survive

## MEETINGS

The club meets at Alden Lane every third Saturday of the month at 2:00PM. Everyone is welcome!

## NEWSLETTER, EMAIL LIST AND WEBSITE

An email list is maintained to release announcements and send out an electronic newsletter. Please send a request to be added to (or removed from) this list via e-mail to Charles Harder ([bonsainut@comcast.net](mailto:bonsainut@comcast.net)). We have a website! Visit us at [www.valleybonsaisociety.com](http://www.valleybonsaisociety.com)

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to anyone who shares an interest in the ancient oriental horticultural art of Bonsai. The annual dues are \$30 a year for an individual or \$40 for couples. If you'd rather not pay for a membership, you have the option of paying \$5.00 per visit. If you have questions regarding membership or would like to join, please contact Bea Bauerly ([bb1727@att.com](mailto:bb1727@att.com))

## MARCH MEETING

The March meeting I was unable to attend, so thank you to those that picked up the reigns as the meeting was conducted like a workshop.

## APRIL MEETING

The April meeting will be at the normal meeting time of 2:00 P.M on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at Alden Lane. However, we are also going to have a field trip to the Santa Rosa area. So this month you have options. If you go to Alden Lane, then Brad will oversee the workshop. And if you are going to Santa Rosa, then we will begin the day at around 9:30 at Momiji's.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 18-19: Livermore Ca

Valley Bonsai Society annual show at the Alden Lane Nursery. 10:00A.M. - 5:00P.M. Both days with demonstrations at 2:00.

Raffles and sales area

## SENPAI CORNER

If the pH of the soil is outside of the bonsai's ideal pH range, the tree may lack vigor or in other cases, the tree can begin to suffer ill health. Below is a general guideline for a variety of species: you can use commonly available soil amendments or chemical additives to adjust the soil pH as needed.

*A pH of 5.0-6.5 is regarded as acidic, a pH of 6.5-7.5 is regarded as being neutral, a pH of over 7.5 is regarded as alkali.*

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Acacia 6.5-7.5        | Larch 5.5-6.5              |
| Ash 6.0-8.0           | Lilac 6.0-8.0              |
| Azalea 5.0-6.0        | Magnolia 5.0-6.0           |
| Barberry 6.0-8.0      | Maple (Acer) 6.0-8.0       |
| Beech 6.0-7.0         | Myrtle 6.5-7.5             |
| Birch 5.0-6.0         | Oak (Quercus) 5.0-7.0      |
| Bougainvillea 4.5-5.5 | Orange 5.0-7.0             |
| Boxwood 6.5-7.5       | Pine (Pinus) 5.0-6.0       |
| Camellia 4.0-5.5      | Podocarpus 5.0-6.5         |
| Cedar 6.0-7.0         | Pomegranate 5.5-6.5        |
| Cherry 6.0-8.0        | Poplar 6.0-8.0             |
| Cotoneaster 6.0-8.0   | Privet (Ligustrum) 6.0-8.0 |
| Crabapple 6.0-7.5     | Prunus 6.0-8.0             |
| Cypress, bald 5.0-6.0 | Quince 6.0-7.5             |
| Douglas Fir 6.0-7.0   | Rhododendron 5.0-6.0       |
| Eleagnus 6.0-8.0      | Spruce (Picea) 5.0-6.0     |
| Elder 6.0-8.0         | Willow (Salix) 6.0-8.0     |
| Elm (Ulmus) 6.0-8.0   | Wisteria 6.0-8.0           |
| Eucalyptus 6.0-8.0    | Yew (Taxus) 5.5-7.0        |
| Euonymus 6.0-8.0      |                            |
| Ficus 5.0-6.0         |                            |
| Fir 5.0-6.0           |                            |
| Firethorn 6.0-8.0     |                            |
| Forsythia 6.0-8.0     |                            |
| Fuschia 6.0-8.0       |                            |
| Gardenia 5.5-6.5      |                            |

Ginkgo 6.0-8.0  
Grape (Vitas) 6.0-8.0  
Hawthorn 6.0-7.5  
Hazelnut 6.0-7.0  
Hickory 6.5-7.5  
Holly (Ilex) 5.0-6.0  
Ivy 7.0-8.0  
Juniper 5.5-7.5.

## ELECTIONS

Positions on the Board are still available. Please contact Bea if you are interested.

## TIDBITS

Just a reminder that this is a new year and dues are due on January 1! Dues are our only recurring source of income and the money is used each year to invite well known Bonsai artists to do demos at our annual show in June.

For those of you who already have renewed their membership for this year, thank you! For all the others, please renew at your earliest convenience, at the next meeting or you can mail the check to:

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## THANK YOU ALDEN LANE



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Thanks to Alden Lane for allowing us to meet for free at the nursery as we start up. Alden Lane Nursery has evergreen and blooming trained Bonsai specimens in many sizes for indoors and outdoor gardens. Stop in and let one of the Bonsai experts help you design your own Bonsai masterpiece from the selection of Bonsai pots and starter plants. They also carry Bonsai tools and enough useful Bonsai accessories to satisfy even the most dedicated bonsai tree hobbyist.

The nice thing about meeting at Alden Lane is that you have the opportunity to not only pick up bonsai stock and supplies but to shop under the oaks amongst one of the most extensive offerings for your home and garden. Inspiration and beauty abounds where ever you look along with the friendly, knowledgeable staff of Alden Lane. Don't forget to say THANK YOU for the incredible support!

## SOCIETY OFFICERS AND CONTACTS

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| <b>President</b>                          | Charles Harder | bonsainut@comcast.net |
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If you need to contact any of the above, please make sure to reference "Valley Bonsai Society" in the subject line.